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SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :— " Bed strength ను ఎక్కువచేయ టానికి ఏమైనా చర్యలు తీసుకుంటున్నారా? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. Proposals are under consideration and additional accommodation is being provided for."

Harijan Collectors in the State.

* 45 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state how many Harijans have been appointed as Collectors in the State during the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" Sri G. E. Muthirulandi belonging to the Scheduled Caste was appointed as Collector during 1952–53. Including this officer, there are at present six officers belonging to the Scheduled Castes holding appointments in the grade of Collector."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether any Collector belonging to the Harijan community retired from service? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question relates to recruitment. The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" What is the total number of officers of the grade of Collectors? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I expected this supplementary question and tried to find out whether the particulars have been furnished in this file. I am sorry I have not got the information at present."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" How many of these officers have been promoted from the rank of Deputy Collectors? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" All of them have been promoted from the rank of Deputy Collectors."

SRI Y. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" What is the principle on which the appointment of Collectors is made? Is it on merit, seniority, integrity or communal representation? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" All these are taken into consideration in making promotions."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" In view of the fact that there are a good many Harijan candidates with suitable qualifications, educational and otherwise, and in view of the fact that the Harijan community has not been represented in the services proportionate to their population in this State, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to move this Government to increase the quota of reservation for Harijans in the grades of Collectors and Deputy Collectors? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, a separate question may be put."

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SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" May I know, Sir, the reason for the recruitment of such a small number of Collectors from the Harijan community?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not concede this is a small number. As I have already said, all these six persons are in the Collector's grade."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state what exactly is the percentage of Collectors from the Harijan community *versus* Backward Classes, Non-Brahman Hindus and Brahman Hindus?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Supply of textile goods to the Government departments.

* 46 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether a representation, dated 20th November 1952, from the Madras Provincial Handloom Weavers' Congress, Nidubrolu, has been received by the Government requesting them to immediately convene a meeting of the Heads of all consuming departments of the Government to determine the varieties and quantities of textile goods, that can be produced by handlooms for consumption by those departments and if so, the action taken thereon by the Government?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration of the Government in consultation with the Heads of Departments concerned. After receipt of final reports, necessary action will be taken in the matter."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have placed any orders for the manufacture of textile goods required by the Government with the co-operatives?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I said, the Government must first be aware of the quantity and the variety of cloth required by the Heads of Departments. Orders will be placed on receipt of that information."

Admission to the Government Medical Colleges.

8-40 a.m. * 47 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with regard to the admission to the Government Medical College in the year 1952—

(*a*) the number of Brahman candidates selected for admission;

(*b*) the number of Backward Class candidates selected by open competition and by reservation of seats respectively; and

(*c*) the number of Harijan candidates selected for admission by open competition and by reservation of seats?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) In view of the constitutional changes and judicial decisions, in the application forms